Public Notices

Notice of 45-day and 60-day Opportunity to Object for the Government Camp-Cooper Spur Land Exchange, including Forest Plan Amendment #21, Mt. Hood National Forest The Mt. Hood National Forest, Zigzag and Hood River Ranger Districts have prepared a draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Government Camp-Cooper Spur Land Exchange, which is located in Clackamas and Hood River Counties. The draft ROD and FEIS are available on the Forest's website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33072. The Responsible Official is Richard Periman, Forest Supervisor. The draft decision is Alternative 2: Proposed Action with several modifications, which includes the Forest Service exchanging approximately 67 acres of land for approximately 605 acres of private land; and buildings, improvements, and personal property located at the Cooper Spur Ski Area which is owned by Mt. Hood Meadows, Oreg. LLC. The Federal lands included in the draft decision are: Sec.13-T3S, R8E Government Lots 7 & 8; and Sec. 24-T3S, R8E Part of NWNE. The non-Federal lands included in the draft decision are: Sec. 36-T1S, R9E Part of E1/2SE1/4, E1/2NE1/4; T1S, R10E Sec. 30 SE1/4SE1/4; and Sec. 31-Tax Lots 100 and 501. In addition to the land exchange and other connected actions associated with the exchange, this draft decision also includes a Forest Plan amendment to designate approximately 1,709 acres of existing National Forest System lands to wilderness and approximately 2,701 acres of existing National Forest System lands and the acquired lands as the Crystal Springs Watershed Special Resources Management Unit. This draft ROD is subject to objection pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 218 and 219. For objections to this land exchange (not specific to the Forest Plan amendment), the following information applies (36 CFR 218). Only individuals or organizations that submitted timely, specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or the 90-day public comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). Notices of objection must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218.8. Objections must be filed with the Objection Reviewing Officer, who is the Regional Forester, within 45 days from the date of this publication of notice. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Due to Covid-19, we request that objections be submitted via email: objectionspnw-regional-office@usda.gov. Please put 'Government Camp Land Exchange' in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. Emails submitted to addresses other than the one listed above or in formats other than those listed above or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the objector to confirm receipt of objections submitted by electronic mail. If you are unable to submit an objection electronically, then please mail your objection to: Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Attn: 1570 Objections/Debbie Anderson, P.O. Box 3623, Portland OR 97208-3623. Objections can also be submitted via FedEx or UPS delivery to: Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Attn: 1570 Objections/Debbie Anderson, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. You must contact Debbie Anderson at debbie.anderson2@usda.gov or at 503-808-2286 if you are mailing your objection to the Regional Office. For objections specific to the Forest Plan amendment, the following information applies (36 CFR 219). Only individuals or entities who have submitted formal comments related to the Forest Plan amendment during the opportunities for public participation (scoping or the 90-day public comment period) may file an objection. Objections, including attachments, must be filed within 60 days from the date of this publication of notice. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. To file an objection regarding the Forest Plan amendment, please submit to the locations discussed above for filing project-level objections. Please put 'Government Camp Land Exchange-Forest Plan Amendment' in the subject line. Objections must be based on previously submitted substantive formal comments attributed to the objector unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment. For further information regarding objection procedures, contact Michelle Lombardo at michelle.lombardo@usda.gov or at 503-668-1796. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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